

LONG ISLAND COMMISSION FOR AQUIFER PROTECTION

MINUTES

DECEMBER 8, 2021

THIS MEETING WAS HELD VIRTUALLY DUE TO THE COVID-19 VIRUS

ATTENDEE

REPRESENTING

Paul Granger	Chairman, and Representative for the Long Island Water Conference
Stan Carey	Nassau Suffolk Water Commissioners Association Representative
Jeff Szabo	CEO for the Suffolk County Water Authority
Don Irwin	Nassau County Department of Health
Dorian Dale	Suffolk County Executive Appointee/Dept. of Economic Development & Planning
Brian Schneider	Nassau County Executive
Brian Culhane	Suffolk County Soil and Water Conservation District
Walter Dawydiak	Suffolk County Commissioner of Health
Derek Betts	Nassau County Soil and Water Conservation District
Chris Ostuni	Nassau County Legislature Presiding Officer

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

Christina DeLisi	Presiding Officer Suffolk County Legislature
Jennifer Pilewski	NYSDEC

NON-VOTING MEMBERS

Seth Wallach	SCWA
Tim Motz	SCWA
John Milazzo	Counsel to SCWA/LICAP
Brittany Palillo	SCWA
Ty Fuller	SCWA
Jason Hime	Suffolk County Department of Health
Legislator Al Krupski	Suffolk County Legislator First District
Eric Swenson	Hempstead Harbor Protection Committee
Ron Busciolano	USGS
Amanda Field	Plainview Water
Adrienne Esposito	Citizens Campaign for the Environment

J. Belle	West Hempstead Water
Ralph Ataria	South Farmingdale Water District
Bill Schuckmann	Hicksville Water
Doug Paquette	Brookhaven National Lab
Sarah Golden	OWOL Intern
Julia Lane	Times Review
Patrick Mason	Pix11
Angela Pettinelli	Nassau County Department of Health
Lorin Bocian	Legislative Aide to Legislator A. Drucker
Elizabeth Bailey	Water for Long Island
Michael Flaherty	Department of Public Works, Nassau County
Paul Ponturo	H2M Architects
Rob Carpenter	Long Island Farm Bureau

PUBLIC COMMENT: No Comments.

Mr. Granger opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending. Members of the Board and ex-officio members of the Board introduced themselves.

Mr. Granger then presented the minutes of the Meeting of September 27, 2021, for approval. On motion made by Mr. Schneider, and duly seconded by Mr. Carey, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the meeting held on September 27, 2021, were approved.

Mr. Granger then discussed the grant agreement with between SCWA and LICAP to fund the imagery work to be performed by the Cornell Institute of Resource Information Sciences (IRIS) to provide the aerial imagery work of Long Island, per the memo provided by Mr. Fuller, SCWA. On motion made by Mr. Carey, duly seconded by Mr. Schneider, and unanimously carried, the grant agreement was approved and could be executed.

Mr. Granger referenced the proposed calendar of meetings and public hearings for 2022. On motion made by Mr. Szabo, duly seconded by Mr. Schneider, and unanimously carried, the 2022 calendar was approved.

Mr. Granger then began recognizing the members of LICAP that would be stepping down or retiring. Mr. Granger presented a plaque of recognition to Mr. Carey and thanked him for his years of commitment to LICAP. Mr. Granger also recognized Mr. Schneider and Mr. Irwin for their many years of service and wished them well in their future endeavors.

Mr. Granger then introduced Tim Motz, SCWA to review the 2021 State of the Aquifer Report. Mr. Motz highlighted and reviewed each page of the report, including the feature story on treatment systems for emerging contaminants. Mr. Motz also described the pages covering federal funding and infrastructure improvement. Mr. Motz then proceeded by notifying attendees of the changes to the annual report, including hydrologic conditions.

Mr. Motz introduced Mr. Busciolano, USGS to review the hydrologic conditions for the past year. Mr. Busciolano reviewed groundwater levels, review of wells and streamflow. Mr. Motz then introduced Ms. Pilewski from the NYS Dept of Environmental Conservation to review groundwater pumpage. Ms. Pilewski reviewed average pumpage by day, peak versus non-peak pumpage, and the correlation between peak season versus average precipitation.

Mr. Motz then reviewed the section of the report that refers to water quality and changes to the EPA's lead and copper rule. Mr. Motz proceeded by introducing Mr. Hime, Public Health Engineer for Suffolk County, to outline the County's work to initiate private well surveys and samples and the exceedances that were a product of this testing. Mr. Motz then introduced Mr. Schneider, Deputy County Executive for Nassau County to review the groundwater monitoring section of the report for Nassau County. Mr. Schneider discussed a drop-off in the County's ability to monitor groundwater, and the initiation of a partnership with USGS to sample wells. Mr. Schneider stated that through the infrastructure bill he hopes to continue monitoring this in the future. Mr. Motz reintroduced Mr. Hime to discuss groundwater monitoring in Suffolk County. Mr. Hime acknowledged and applauded the work of the public water suppliers both long and short term in Suffolk County to take action to reduce exposure to contaminants. Mr. Motz announced the water conservation section of the report, as well as the Our Water Our Lives campaign efforts.

Mr. Granger asked if there was comment by the public for the hearing section of this meeting and invited attendees to submit comment by email to Mr. Motz.

Ralph Ataria, commissioner from South Farmingdale Water District thanked the LICAP Board Members for their hard work and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and health

in the new year. Legislator Al Krupski then thanked everyone for their involvement in the report and for the hard work of the water suppliers.

Mr. Milazzo, Counsel to LICAP and SCWA stated that LICAP will accept comments on the State of the Aquifer until December 17th, and any comments would be circulated to all Board Members.

Mr. Granger announced that the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday March 9th, 2022.

As there was no further business to be considered, on motion made by Mr. Dale, duly seconded by Mr. Schneider, the meeting was adjourned at 6:29 p.m.